

DR. W. S. BOLTON DIES AT HOSPITAL

Has Been Prominent in the Southwest
As a Cattleman for Years; Had
Interesting Career.

Dr. William Stroud Bolton died at a local hospital Tuesday afternoon. He had been removed to the hospital from his home at 501 North Stanton street in the morning. Death was sudden.

Dr. Bolton was a pioneer of the southwest and had been engaged in the cattle business for many years. Born in Galveston, Texas, on May 25, 1859, he later removed to Waco and then to Hearne, Texas. He first came to El Paso in January, 1883. He leaves no relatives here, but a nephew, W. D. Lewis, a wealthy rancher, of Hearne, Texas, is expected to come here and make arrangements for the funeral.

Although he was a graduate of the Louisville medical school, Dr. Bolton had devoted but little of his time to the practice of medicine until the Spanish-American war, when he went to the Philippines as an army surgeon and spent several years there in the field.

Dr. Bolton made one of the most sensational escapes from the Juarez jail that has ever been recorded. On April 2, 1890, S. H. Cavitt, a cattleman, was killed on Comercio street, Juarez, following an argument about the purchase of the Carretas ranch in Chihuahua, which is now owned by A. I. Boyd, of Casas Grandes. Bolton and J. W. Clayton were arrested and placed in the Juarez jail. On December 18, 1890, Dr. Bolton made his escape.

He had hit upon an ingenious plan. A friend in El Paso went to New Orleans and purchased six United States soldiers' uniforms. He returned to El Paso with them. Four friends in El Paso donned uniforms and went to the Juarez jail to visit the place. They smuggled two uniforms in. Dr. Bolton took one of these and walked out without arousing any suspicion. Billy Davis, then a hack driver and now an automobile chauffeur, was waiting outside in a hack. Bolton got into it and was driven to El Paso before the Mexican authorities realized that they had been tricked.

Clayton remained behind and was sent to Chihuahua, where he was later paroled and amassed a fortune in mining. Mayor Candano, of Juarez, was removed for allowing the escape of Bolton.

Bolton then traveled considerably and later returned to El Paso. At the last meeting of the Pioneers' association this year he joined that society, which will probably have charge of the funeral.